

its kind nationwide. I look forward to visiting, once again, with thousands of attendees in Indianapolis this weekend.

I am honored to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Reverend Charles Williams. At this difficult time, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL HANG CHAO

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the life and work of a truly remarkable American and long-time Detroit resident, Hang Chao. Born in 1939 in the city of Pha Leong, Xiengkhoua Province, in Laos, he was among the thousands of Hmong young men who gave their support to the United States during the Vietnam war. By joining with American soldiers to fight against Lao and Viet communists in the jungles of Laos, these young men put their lives at risk. In the face of considerable personal risk, the heroism of these brave men saved countless American soldiers. Hang Chao continued his strong stand defending and promoting democracy throughout his life and leaves a legacy of selfless dedication to helping and enriching the lives of others. His family, colleagues, and many friends mourned his death in October 2003, and he will be remembered as a man of honor and goodwill, whose heroism and deep faith inspired all who knew him.

During the Vietnam war, Hang Chao trained in the Lao Royal Army and rose through its ranks. He was appointed lieutenant colonel by General Oun Latikun and Prime Minister Souvanhna of Laos. During his service, he earned the respect of his peers and leaders because of his courage, principled leadership, and devotion to democracy. The Lao government in exile honored him in 1982 by appointing him Deputy Minister of Interior. Ten years later, Hang Chao was appointed Advisor to the King of Laos, LangXang Houng Kau, government in exile.

Hang Chao immigrated to the United States with his family after the war. He valued learning and education and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science while making a new life for himself and his family in Michigan. While he spoke Hmong and English fluently, he was also fluent in Tao, Lao, and French. He was committed to the Hmong community, and his active leadership helped pave the way for many Hmong refugees to assimilate into American life. Hang Chao was also a devout Christian and was elected elder in ten Hmong churches. His faith, family, and commitment to public service guided his vision of community growth and the promotion of cultural understanding of the Hmong heritage. Hang Chao was a loving husband to his wife of 50 years, Mia Lee Vang, and a nurturing father to his five children, Tou Yi, Tou Chue, Mai, Youa, and Pang Nhia.

I would like to express my admiration for the life story and the accom-

plishments of Hang Chao. We can all benefit from his example of courage, perseverance and leadership. He has left an indelible mark on his community, and his family can be proud of his legacy. I know my Senate colleagues join me in paying tribute to Hang Chao.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4380. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building".

H.R. 4755. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 144. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Dinah Washington should be recognized for her achievements as one of the most talented vocalists in American popular music history.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 103. An act for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath.

H.R. 218. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 6:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes for the two Houses thereon and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

Ordered, that Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SABO, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBEY, be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4380. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 144. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Dinah Washington should be recognized for her achievements as one of the most talented vocalists in American popular music history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8453. A communication from the Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Implementation of the National Construction Safety Team Act" (RIN0693-AB53) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8454. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Groundfish Fishery; Groundfish Observer Program" (RIN0648-AK26) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8455. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the Quarter II Fishery for Loligo Squid" (ID060804G) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8456. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Amendment 13 Regulatory Amendment" (RIN0648-AN17) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8457. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Export and Reexport Restrictions on Cuba" (RIN0694-AD17) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8458. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations to Remove Certain Regional Stability and Crime Control License Requirements to New North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Member Countries" (RIN0694-AD11) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8459. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: NARCO Avionics Inc. AT150 Transponders Doc. No. 2002-NE-32" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8460. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-96" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8461. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dowty Aerospace Propellers Type R321/4-82-F/8, R324/4-82-F/9, R333/4-82-F/12, and R334/4-82-F/13 Propellers Assemblies Doc. No. 2001-NE-50" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8462. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Burkhart Grob Luft-Und GmbH and Co. KG Models G103 Twin Artir, G103A Twin II Acro, and G103C Twin III Acro Sailplanes Doc. No. 2003-CE-35" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8463. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and 11F Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-76" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8464. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-63" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8465. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757-200 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-177" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8466. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Charleston, MO Doc. No. 04-ACE-12" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8467. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Chadron, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-01" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8468. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Cedar Rapids, IA Doc. No. 04-ACE-10" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8469. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Chappell, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-22" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8470. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Larned, KS Doc. No. 04-ACE-9" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8471. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Cozard, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-23" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8472. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Neodesha, KS Doc. No. 04-ACE-6" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8473. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Broken Bow, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-39" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8474. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Holdrege, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-25" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8475. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Lexington, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-40" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8476. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Minden, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-26" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8477. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Trinidad, CO Doc. No. 03-ANM-04" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8478. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Festus, MO Doc. No. 04-ACE-14" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8479. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Superior, NE 04-ACE-30" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8480. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Tekamah, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-29" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8481. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Oshkosh, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-27" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8482. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Gothenburg, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-24" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8483. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls-Royce (1971) Limited, Bristol Engine Division Model Viper Mk.601-22 Turbojet Engine Doc. No. 2003-NE-39" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8484. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (41) Amendment No. 3093" (RIN2120-AA65) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8485. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Paola, KS Doc. No. 04-ACE-5" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8486. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CORRECTION: Establishment of Restricted Area 2204, Oliktok Point, AK Doc. No. 03-AAL-1" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8487. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Iowa City, IA Doc. No. 04-ACE-91"

(RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8488. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hays, KS Doc. No. 04-ACE-7" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8489. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (78) Amendment No. 3092" (RIN2120-AA65) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8490. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Norfolk, VA Doc. No. 04-AEA-08" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8491. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Richmond, VA Doc. No. 04-AEA-07" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8492. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Richmond, VA Doc. No. 04-AEA-09" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8493. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Norfolk, VA Doc. No. 04-AEA-06" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8494. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Ogden, Hill Air Force Base UT Doc. No. 04-ANM-04" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8495. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hybrid III 6YO Weighted Test Dummy" (RIN2127-AI58) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8496. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations: Minor Editorial Corrections" received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8497. A communication from the Secretary, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures re: Energy

Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule") (Water Heater Ranges)" (RIN3084-AA74) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC 8 101, 102, 103, 106, 201, 301, 311, 315 Airplanes on Which Engine Oil Coolers Have Been Installed per LORI, Inc. Sup Type Cert. SA8937SW; Doc. No. 2003-NM-222" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8499. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Development Block Grant Program; Small Cities and Insular Areas Programs" (RIN2506-AC17) received on . . .

EC-8500. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to plutonium storage at the Savannah River Site located near Aiken, South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8501. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the conversion of full time employee equivalents (FTE); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8502. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(1) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Equivalency by Permit Provisions; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Pulp Mills; State of Alabama" (FRL#7786-2) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8503. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards for the Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Joint Source Category" (FRL#7783-6) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8504. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Combustion" (FRL#7783-7) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8505. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Hawaii State Implementation Plan" (FRL#7778-5) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8506. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation for Taiwan Environmental Study Tours Project" received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8507. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TSCA Inventory Update Rule Corrections" (FRL#7332-3) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 155. A bill to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation (Rept. No. 108-302).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1467. A bill to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-303).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1521. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community (Rept. No. 108-304).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 1658. A bill to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-305).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2639. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2640. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. CAMPBELL):

S. 2641. A bill to recognize conservation efforts to restore the American bison from extinction by placing the image of the American bison on the nickel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2642. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deter the smuggling of tobacco products into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.